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CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED (P-396-996-971)

Mr. Andrew C. King Genwal Coal Company, Inc. P. O. Box 1202 Huntington, Utah 84528

Dear Mr. King:

Re: Modification of Proposal for Underground Mining and Development
Plan, Genwal Coal Company, Crandall Canyon #1 Mine, ACT/015/032,
Emery County, Utah

The Division's technical staff has reviewed the proposed minor modification of the mining plan for Genwal Coal Company's Crandall Canyon #1 Mine, which was submitted to the Division on February 27, 1985. The proposal calls for development of rooms on 60 X 60 - foot centers leaving 40 X 40 foot pillars to support the upper strata above the seam to be mined. As presently planned, no second mining of the coal is planned unless, it is found economically feasible and the approval of all involved agencies is obtained.

Based on the Division's review of the plans submitted on the 27th of February and the BLM approvals incorporated in that submittal. The Division has the following concerns:

1. UMC 817.59 Coal Recovery

The February 27, 1985 submittal from Genwal states that the new pillars are designed to support all of the upper strata and produce no surface effects. However, there are no calculations included to support this conclusionary statement. This information must be provided to verify that environmental integrity of the over lying land will be maintained.

2. The BLM approval letter from Leon D. Berggren, Area Manager, dated February 22, 1985, indicates that data supporting the 40 X 40 - foot pillars was submitted and evaluated in a prior submmittal. This same information must be submitted to the Division.

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The BLM approval letter also indicates a stipulation that the OSM permit boundary must be changed before the BLM approval takes effect. To date, no request for a boundary change has been received and/or processed by the Division. Said boundary change must be received and processed as a part of this approval package.

The information requested above must be submitted to the Division by May 1, 1985. If you have any questions regarding this correspondence please call me, Tom Suchoski or Pam Grubaugh Littig of the Division staff.

Sincerely,

D. Wayne Hedberg Permit Supervisor/

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